Use of sophisticated arms by terrorists

2190. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorists are usually using sophisticated arms which could be availed mostly from across the border or from our own military and paramilitary forces; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard and how far it has succeeded in depriving the terrorists of such arms during the period since terrorists began using such arms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The terrorists mainly in Punjab sector are mostly using weapons like revolvers, carbines, sten-guns, rifles, country-made pistols and .12 bore guns. From the weapons seized from the terrorists it is found that some of them are of foreign origin.

Steps like intensifying surveillance on the border for checking smuggling of arms and ammunition by para-military forces, customs and intelligence agencies conducting Nakabandi, raids and other mopping operations by para-military forces and police have been taken to tackle the problem. As a result, during the period from October 85 to February, 87 as many as 1986 firearms, 73 hand grenades and 14,305 cartridges were seized. Further, import of firearms as part of baggage or otherwise has been banned with effect from 13.11.1986.

Traffic jams in Delhi

†2191. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Mnisiter of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the points in Delhi roads where traffic jams usually occur in the peak-hours; and

(b) what measures have been taken to give relief to the commuters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Traffic jams frequently occur during peak hours at Chowk Azad Market, chatta Rail, chowk Baraf Khana, Lahori Gate etc.

(b) Efforts are made to solve the problem by the use of the following traffic management techniques:

(i) The prohibition of slow-moving traffic.

(ii) The segregation of traffic.

(iii) The prohibition of goods carriers.

(iv) The synchronization of traffic light signals.

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